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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question has not yet been finally settled as the financial results of the recent restoration of village officers have not yet been finally worked out.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know, in view of the fact that this question has been hanging fire for a number of years, whether the Government will expedite the matter in such a manner as to make it possible for a provision being made in the next budget for these allowances ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Every possible step is being taken to expedite the matter ; but as far as we have got figures—the figures are not final but are only provisional—they show that an excess of one lakh has been incurred instead of a saving, so that the prospects of finding any savings for this purpose are very remote."

Alleged hardships of the karnams in shrotriyam villages.

*232 *Q.*—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been received by Government that as in shrotriyam villages only one menial is allowed to serve under the karnam direct, the karnam's work is felt heavy and difficult ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the necessity of giving one more vetti to the karnam at least in villages where there is tirvaijasti and faslijasti cultivation ?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Such cases are governed by the rules framed under section 32 of the Proprietary Estates Village Service Act.

Arms and Explosives

Issue of licences to village magistrates in Cuddapah district.

*233 *Q.*—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any village magistrates in Cuddapah district have been refused licences under the Arms Act on the basis of the recommendations of the Police, and if so, how many ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of granting licences free of charge to village magistrates who have to pass through jungles for remitting collections to the sub-treasury ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) So far as the Government are aware village magistrates do not usually escort in person remittances made under their orders. The Government do not think any such grant of free licences is called for.

Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—" In answer to clause (*b*), it is stated that 'village magistrates do not usually escort in person remittances.' I want to know whether the responsibility for the safety of the remittances rests with them."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, Sir."

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Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO :—" May I know, then, if it is not necessary to give them licences, so that when they have to pass through forests, they may guard the remittances ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am afraid I should be intruding on my hon. Friend's subject."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no necessity at all."

Criminal Tribes

Action taken on the resolution regarding the transfer of the Kallar reclamation work to Revenue authorities.

*234 Q.—Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what action the Government have taken or propose to take with regard to the resolution lately passed in the Council on 27th February 1928 that the Kallar reclamation work at Tanjore may be transferred to the Revenue authorities from the Police Department ?

A.—The Government have decided not to take any action as it is impracticable to give effect to the resolution.

Rajakumar S. N. DORAI RAJA :—" May I know the reason why the Government consider it impracticable to give effect to the resolution ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The reasons why Government have not given effect to the resolution are mentioned in my speech during the debate."

Rajkumar S. N. DORAI RAJA :—" May I know why it is impracticable ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I have given those reasons in my speech."

Depressed Classes

Alleged hardships of Villiyars in Chingleput district.

*235 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 252 answered on the 14th March 1927—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that innocent persons belonging to the ' Villiyar ' class are still harassed in many villages in the Chingleput district by the village officers and police officers ; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the advisability of taking immediate steps to free those innocent persons from the hardships they suffer ?

A.—(a) No.
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that under the pretext of watching these people, they are being harassed even in the day time when they have to earn their bread ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " I am not aware of it."